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Dear Sis Gertrude:

Please forgive me for not answering your fine letter at once. I have been very sick; with my old stomach again. This time it almost took me away. This is the 4th. mo, 5th. week of which I am drinking only half 2 help cream every 2 hours. However, this week I am allowed a baked potato and some tepalcote for dessert. First, let me give you Hall's address before I forget it. 249 E. Vermont Ave! Los Angeles 11, I hope he will let you use his Easter Cantata. He and his choir are giving a concert at my church next Sunday. I don't get a chance to see him often these days. But I call him late at night, every now and then and we chew the fat an hour or two. His choir is giving a concert at my church.

I got a letter from Specs in Egypt somewhere. I saw every that gang that wonderful trip, and I just heard on the radio that they are a sensation in Italy. They could never pay for a trip like that. And that's why I'm so happy about our proposed eastern trip. We are hard at work clearing new songs. Many of them are real tough. I am going to have quite a program before I'm ready to leave. Now just why don't you think

you'll get to make the trip. With your ability and reputation, you should be able to write your own ticket. With me, I had to convince the panel of musicians in New York that I was the man for this job. People from all over the west coast, men who are tops in music in Hollywood, and San Francisco, wrote letters about my work here at the Coast. College professors and composers whom I didn't even know sent glowing letters about my work. And whether I get to go or not I am happy to know so many great musicians here in the west like me.

You know, Sis George, this is a hell of a business we're in. If I waited around for a picture to come I'd starve to death. I do everything in the field of music. In fact, I earned as much last year, as guest conductor and lecturer at high schools and colleges as I did in pictures. Then of course I did quite a bit of acting in the radio last year. And on top of that, I wrote commercial jingles for radio and sang them. And on top of that, as you probably know, I'm a painter by trade, and have painted many houses here, when the show business was at its lowest ebb. So I'll always earn a living in one thing or another. Please write soon. I just love hearing from you.

Fairfaxton